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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/03/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-17,19 and 20.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 30 June 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Brian Hairston on 12/22/2004.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 1, on line 3; insert the phrase --plurality of -- between the words "said" and "movable".

Claim 1, on line 7; insert the phrase --plurality of -- between the words "said" and "movable".

Claim 1, on line 9; insert the phrase --plurality of -- between the words "said" and "movable".

Claim 1, on line 10; insert the phrase --plurality of -- between the words "said" and "movable".

Claim 1, on line 13; insert the phrase --plurality of -- twice between the words "said" and "movable"; and the words "the" and "movable".

Claim 1, on line 17; delete the word [ribbon-like] between the words "one" and "belt".

Claim 1, on line 18; insert the phrase --first and second -- between the words "said" and "rollers".

Claim 1, on line 18; insert the phrase --plurality of -- between the words "said" and "movable".

Claim 1, on line 18; replace the word "wall" with -- walls-- between the words "movable" and "being".

Claim 1, on line 18; insert the phrase --at least one -- between the words "said" and "belt".

Claim 3, on line 2; insert the phrase --each of -- between the words "wherein" and "said".

Claim 3, on line 3; replace the phrase "corresponding ribbon-like" with --at least one -- between the words "the" and "belt".

Claim 4, on line 2; insert the phrase --each of -- between the words "wherein" and "said".

Claim 4, on line 2; insert the word --a -- between the words "as" and "substantially".

Claim 4, on line 3; replace the phrase "corresponding ribbon-like" with --at least one -- between the words "the" and "belt".

Claim 5, on line 2; delete the word [ribbon-like] between the words "two" and "belts".

Claim 5, on line 3; insert the phrase --first and second-- twice between the words "said" and "rollers"; and the words "the" and "rollers".

Claim 9, on line 3; insert the phrase --at least one -- between the words "said" and "brush".

Claim 9, on line 3; insert the phrase --at least one -- between the words "said" and "suction".

Claim 10, on line 3; insert the phrase --at least one -- between the words "said" and "blade".

Claim 10, on line 3; insert the phrase --at least one -- between the words "said" and "suction".

Claim 11, on line 1; replace the claim number "6" with --9-- between the word "claim" and the punctuation mark ",".

Claim 11, on line 2; insert the phrase --at least one -- twice between the words "said" and "brush".

Claim 11, on line 2; insert the phrase --at least one -- between the words "said" and "suction".

Claim 11, on line 3; insert the phrase --at least one -- between the words "the" and "suction".

Claim 12, on line 1; replace the claim number "7" with --10-- between the word "claim" and the punctuation mark ",".

Claim 12, on line 2; insert the phrase --at least one -- twice between the words "said" and "blade".

Claim 12, on line 2; insert the phrase --at least one -- between the words "said" and "suction".

Claim 12, on line 3; insert the phrase --at least one -- between the words "the" and "suction".

Claim 13, on line 3; insert the phrase --first and second -- between the words "said" and "rollers".

Claim 16, on line 2; delete the word [ribbon-like] between the words "two" and "belts".

Claim 16, on line 3; insert the phrase --first and second --twice between the words "said" and "rollers" and the words "the" and "rollers".

Claim 17, on line 2; delete the word [ribbon-like] between the words "two" and "belts".

Claim 17, on line 3; insert the phrase --first and second --twice between the words "said" and "rollers" and the words "the" and "rollers".

Claim 19, on lines 3-4; insert the phrase --plurality of -- between the words "said" and "movable".

Claim 19, on line 4; replace the word "wall" with --walls-- after the word "movable".

Claim 20, on lines 3-4; insert the phrase --plurality of -- between the words "said" and "movable".

Claim 20, on line 4; replace the word "wall" with --walls-- after the word "movable".

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yewebdar T Tadesse whose telephone number is (571) 272-1238. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-4: 30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Fiorilla can be reached on (571) 272-1187. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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